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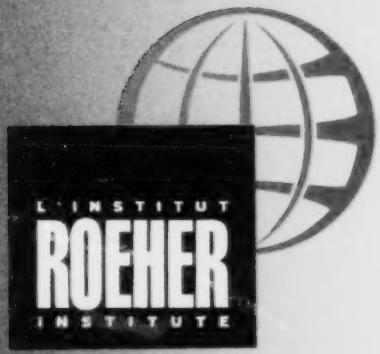

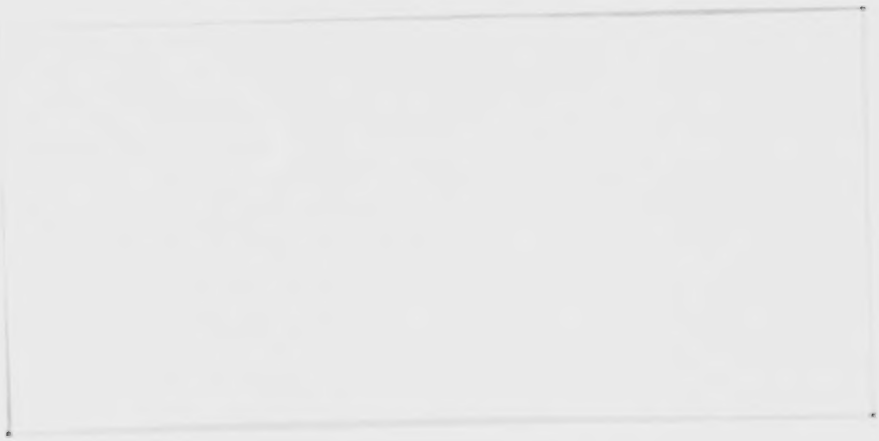

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Background and Rationale

During the past decade, persons with disabilities have expressed considerable interest in new funding arrangements for disability-related supports (e.g., social services, aids/devices) that would enable and empower them to function as self-determining citizens in the social and economic mainstream of their communities.

It has been argued that current modes of public expenditure, which tend to finance the providers rather than consumers of services, leave social service providers with disproportionate control over the lives of the individuals they serve. Statistics Canada's most recent Health and Activity Limitation Survey indicates that approximately one-quarter million Canadians with disabilities feel they have very little or no control over the decisions that affect their daily lives.[1]

Moreover, present expenditure patterns require that individuals with disabilities in many cases barter away their ordinary freedoms in exchange for supports that are available. Often, supports are available only in settings that cut them off from the social and economic mainstream (e.g., segregated / congregate care facilities).

There are also long-standing concerns within the disability community that current delivery arrangements are unnecessarily complex and fragmented, stigmatizing, inadequate and restrictive. As well, present arrangements contravene important principles such as individual self-determination, portability of support, equity and flexibility.[2]

For many persons with disabilities, the preferred alternative would involve governments vesting a significant proportion of the funding for disability-related supports directly under the personal control of the individual users of those supports instead of in the social service "system". In 1994, M. Rioux and C. Crawford proposed a such model system for the delivery of disability-related supports (Rioux and Crawford, 1994).

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[1]Statistics Canada, *Selected Characteristics of Persons with Disabilities Residing in Households, 1991 Health and Activity Limitation Survey*, Ottawa, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology, 1994, Table 3.12.

[2]Canada, Health and Welfare Canada, *Pathway to Integration, Final Report, Mainstream 1992, Report to Ministers of Socialo Services on The Federal/Provincial/Territorial Review of Services Affecting Canadians with Disabilities*, Ottawa, 1994.

The proposed model (The Canadian Disability Resources Program) focuses on the delivery of supports that are specific to disability. These supports include personal support services (e.g., attendant services; support services for daily activities and for independent living), assistive technologies, and health-related services provided outside of hospital settings that are essential to health and well-being. The proposal is not a model for reforming the delivery of income maintenance for basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing and utilities.

The model reflects an approach to social service delivery that would channel significant public resources directly to individual consumers of support rather than to the social programs that supply supports to individuals who happen to qualify. However, the model also makes provision to ensure that some funds flow into the supply infrastructure to ensure that one is present and viable.

The proposal is based on the assumption that no new dollars are likely to be available for disability-related supports in the foreseeable future: any new delivery system would involve a reallocation of public funds that are already in provincial social service, vocational rehabilitation and health systems.[3]

This swing in favour of a "direct transfer" or "demand-side" approach to reforming the delivery of disability-related supports raises the inevitable question: how much is currently being spent in Canada for publicly-financed programs that provide disability-related supports? How do we know this? These are the fundamental questions underlying the present research.

Method

It was recognized at the outset of the research that a thorough costing of disability-related supports would require that several important conditions be met, including the following:

> a) provincial governments would collect and organize accurate data on the full range of supports that individuals require because they have disabilities;

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[3]The model details the services and items that have traditionally been cost-sharable under the Canada Assistance Plan and the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act which could be folded into the proposed system.

b) provincial data would be detailed enough to allow for the calculation of aggregate annual costs for specific categories of support (e.g., for attendant services as contrasted with communication or counselling services; for the administrative as contrasted with the program costs associated with delivering a given category of support through transfer agencies; differential costs of the same support delivered by social service providers as compared with health-care service providers);

c) the costing detail would be referenced specifically to persons with disabilities (e.g., homemaker services consumed because individuals have a disability rather than because they meet other program criteria such as age or income tests);

d) to enable a projection of costs over time and cost estimates for "typical cases", provincial data would ideally reference support requirements to population sub-group characteristics (e.g., wheelchair requirements and costs concerning persons with spinal cord injury as compared with individuals who have had mobility impairments since birth; attendant service requirements and costs associated with older as compared with younger consumers);

e) to enable accurate costing for "typical cases", provincial counting procedures would make it possible to determine whether an individual is drawing supports from one source (e.g., only vocational services from a transfer agency) or from several sources (e.g., vocational services, homemaker services, counselling services and assistive devices from a combination of social service and health organizations);

f) the data would be organized in roughly similar ways across the provinces, or would allow for a consistent analytical approach in research irrespective of province;

g) the provinces would have no objection to sharing their detailed -- and perhaps confidential -- information with researchers;

h) for clarification on points of detail, provincial departmental representatives would be available to field questions from researchers;

i) the cost of accessing and analyzing the information would be reasonable (e.g., data costs, travel and accommodation, costs of data analysis).

Recognizing that these conditions could not be fulfilled in the limited time and with the resources available to the project, a multi-stage research process was conceived. This first and preliminary stage of the research is based exclusively on information that is readily available to the public, regardless of whether that information is as detailed as it would ideally be or comparable across provinces.

Unless indicated otherwise in footnotes, data sources for the research include descriptive and statistical information from departmental annual reports (1993-94) and financial data from provincial public accounts/estimates of expenditure (1993-94). Also used were Statistics' Canada's microdata set for Residential Care Facilities and the following Roeher Institute publications on disability-related programs: *Nothing Personal; Poor Places;* and *Income Insecurity.*

Because this research is intended to provide a preliminary view of programs and costs, only the following provinces were included: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island was originally to have been included in the research. However, the public financial data for that province and the health and social service program descriptions were so general that a meaningful analysis was not possible.

This phase of the research set out to accomplish the following goals:

a) identify the federal and provincial social service programs (i.e. programs aside from the hospital and public school systems) that fund disability-related support programming;

b) estimate the current level of public spending for persons with disabilities through the identified programs;

c) estimate the proportion of direct costs that offset basic needs (e.g., food, shelter, clothing, utilities, etc.) and the proportion that offsets disability-related supports (e.g., costs of attendant/personal support services, costs of technical aids/assistive devices, medications); and

d) provide a critical appraisal of the usefulness of the public data that is available concerning items a - c.

General Findings

Generally speaking, provincial annual reports provide useful if brief descriptive information about the programs operated under various departments. Of the provinces included in this research, the social services departments of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and British Columbia have the most detailed annual report information on disability-related supports. Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services is singularly unhelpful in failing to issue an annual report since the late 1980s. The *Public Accounts* for that province, however, help to make up for the deficiency by providing quite detailed expenditure data.

Alberta's social service and health information is also very general. However, that province has a fairly detailed system of public accounts.

Classes of Disability-Related Support

Initially, the research set out to estimate the current level of public spending for specific classes of disability-related support (e.g. costs for attendant/personal support as distinguished from the costs of devices or medications). Owing to the lack of detail in the provincial reports, however, this goal proved elusive.

Administrative Expenditures

It was anticipated that the research could estimate the proportion of all expenditures that finance the administration of programs rather than direct supports to individuals. This goal was achieved for several provinces to the extent that the administrative costs for *provincial programs* are reported separately from the costs of transfers to agencies and individuals. However, the administrative costs of *transfer agencies* are not reported as such in provincial documents. Instead these numbers are hidden in the general expenditure figures for transfers to agencies. This means that the present report's estimates for administration, where provided, are considerably lower than the actual administrative costs taken as a whole.

Provincial administration costs that could be estimated range from a low of .5 per cent of program costs in Ontario and Manitoba to a high of 2.9 per cent in Nova Scotia. These figures seem very low. When program costs aside from transfers to individuals and agencies, are examined, however, a different picture emerges. For example, in Manitoba 8.7 per cent of program expenditures are for goods and services not provided by transfer agencies. The same can be said of 10.6 per cent of program costs

in Ontario. Unfortunately, reporting procedures did not allow for the construction of non-transfer costs for the other provinces that were examined.

In some cases, the costs of provincial administration for disability-related programming had to be estimated. For example, British Columbia's Ministry of Social Services does not provide details concerning administrative expenditures under the Training and Support programs of the Ministry's Community Support Services. Instead, a global administrative amount is provided for the ministry as a whole. In such cases, a global administrative cost estimate for persons with disabilities was derived by identifying the proportion (e.g., as a fraction) of all ministry costs that are clearly dedicated to persons with disabilities and then multiplying the total administrative expenditures by that figure.

In other cases, the provinces provide administrative cost details for broad areas of programming where the delivery of services to persons with disabilities is only one of several sub-specialties. For example, the Adults and Children's Services Program under Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services provides a wide range of programming and has a general administration for both children's and adults' programs. Here, the reported costs of administration pertain not only to persons with disabilities, but to others served under the program as well. In these cases, administrative costs for persons with disabilities were estimated. The following procedure was used: a) the proportion of all program costs concerning persons with disabilities was calculated as a fraction; and b) an estimate of administrative costs for persons with disabilities was derived by multiplying that fraction times the total administrative expenditures for the broad area of programming in question.[4]

In other situations, administrative costs are layered, requiring several calculations using the above procedure. For instance, Ontario's Children's Services Division has its own administration in addition to the broader adminstration of the Adults' and Children's Services Program. However, only a portion of Children's Services administration can be presumed necessary for persons with disabilities (e.g., the proportion of administrative costs pertaining to transfers for child treatment services, for the Ontario Association of Children's Mental Health Centres and for the Ontario Society for Autistic children).

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[4]For example, approximately 20 per cent of all Adults' and Children's programming in Ontario targets persons with disabilities. The general administrative cost figure for Adults' and Children's services was multiplied by .2.

Operating Costs

This research probably presents a conservative estimate of the operating costs of programs that serve persons with disabilities. This is because some provincial programs (and the associated expenditures) do serve persons with disabilities but are not clearly reported as such and are therefore difficult to take into account. For instance, Ontario's Children's Services makes Community Support Services transfers to many organizations. Some of these serve persons with disabilities. However, the transfers are not specifically identified as disability-related in the *Public Accounts*.

Where precise cost details are not available (e.g., for disability-related supports provided under provincial programs that are not exclusively dedicated to disability), cost estimates could in theory be constructed for some provinces. For example, figures are available in several provincial public accounts for the specific amounts paid to individual transfer agencies and persons working on contract.[5] However, in several provinces these details are not organized according to the departmental programs that make the transfers. Instead, the details are presented as a continuous list of individual and organization names, alphabetically organized. Without knowing the specialization of a given individual or organization, or the particular government department responsible for the transfers, it is very difficult to tell whether the transfers are being used to address the support requirements of persons with disabilities. Nor is it possible to determine which support requirements are addressed in particular by means of the transfers (e.g., health-related services, attendant services, respite for families).[6]

In provinces that do organize such cost details by program area (e.g., Ontario), unless the program area is exclusively focused on serving persons with disabilities, it is again difficult to determine whether and to what extent the transfers are related to disability-related supports. For example, the *Public Accounts* for Ontario list scores of transfer organizations that receive funds under the Community Support Services Program of the Ministry of Community and Social Services' Children's Services branch. The amounts received are also indicated. However, with few exceptions (e.g., North of Superior Community Mental Health Program Inc.), it impossible for a researcher to assume that a given organization has any focus at all on serving persons with disabilities (e.g., Sarnia Lambton Centre for Children and Youth).

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[5]Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Ontario list hundreds of individual persons and organizations that receive provincial funding, and the levels of funding that each receives.

[6]Even if more detail were available on whether an organization/individual specializes in disability, it would be a time-consuming process to tally the expenditures.

Even where public accounts detail transfers for general program areas that clearly have a focus on serving persons with disabilities (e.g., the programs sponsored by the Community Living branch of Saskatchewan Social Services; Long-Term Care under the Ministry of Community and Social Services' Adult Social Services program in Ontario), it is not possible to construct accurate estimates of program costs for the delivery of specific disability supports (e.g., attendant services). For example, Ontario lists the Apartments for Living for Physically Handicapped Association as a transfer agency under the Long-Term Care program. A researcher could perhaps assume that some portion of the $536,119 transfer to this organization covers the cost of delivering attendant services. But what proportion of the transfer, if any, covers consumers' accommodation costs? What proportion covers counselling, or the meals of consumers with disabilities? And what services does the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living provide with its $217,314 Long-Term Care transfer?

Federal Contribution

Ideally, the research would have been able to identify the extent to which provincial costs for disability-related supports are subsidized by federal-provincial transfers (e.g., transfers under the Canada Assistance Plan, Established Programs Financing, the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act and Agreements, equalization payments). Normally, however, the provinces tend to report revenues from the Government of Canada as single amounts that are credited as general revenues for a given department or for the province as a whole. Accordingly, it was not possible to accurately estimate the extent to which federal transfers are being applied towards specific provincial programs for disability-related supports, let alone what proportion of provincial costs for a particular support (e.g., attendant services) are subsidized by the federal government.[7]

Income Support Costs

Generally speaking, it is possible to isolate costs for disability-related support programming from income maintenance (e.g., welfare) costs. This is because the provinces report details for income maintenance programming as a distinct item.

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[7]Having said this, it should be pointed out that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland to provide some information on transfers from the Government of Canada that are credited as revenues to broad program areas.

Within the income maintenance area, however, the reporting procedures of some provincial governments make it difficult to separate the costs of disability-related from regular benefits. Where this was the case, the research estimated the proportion of income maintenance costs that are allocated to persons with disabilities. Different procedures were used, depending on the province and the kind of information that was available. The procedures for deriving the estimates are provided in the footnotes in the section this report that provides findings and cost details by province.

Income maintenance as a proportion of all disability-related support expenditures varies considerably across the provinces. Of those researched, income maintenance accounted for 10 to 43 per cent of provincial program expenditures for persons with disabilities. When nursing homes are excluded from the analysis, however, income maintenance represents a much larger share of all program costs: a high of 64 per cent in Manitoba.

TABLE 1. PROVINCIAL INCOME MAINTENANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS A PROPORTION OF ALL PROVINCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR DISABILITY-RELATED SUPPORT PROGRAMMING

	% ALL SUPTS	% ALL SUPTS (EXCLUDING NURSING HOMES)
British Columbia	18%	27%
Alberta	19%	34%
Saskatchewan	10%	22%
Manitoba	25%	64%
Ontario	34%	39%
New Brunswick	24%	48%
Nova Scotia	43%	54%
Newfoundland	38%	61%

Provincial Social Service Delivery System

The research identified a large number of provincial programs that deliver supports to persons with disabilities. An inventory of these programs is included in the report. The inventory is organized according to province, department and program name. It briefly outlines the kinds of supports that are delivered under each program.

The health and social service systems are being reorganized in many provinces at the time of this writing. Accordingly, programs that were the responsibility of a social services department two years ago may fall under a department of health today. Then

again, the program may not exist at all. The inventory of programs is based on the most recent departmental annual reports that were available at the time the research was conducted.

Also included in the inventory are provincial summaries of the numbers of residential care facilities that serve aged persons (many of whom would have disabilities) and persons with specific classes of disability. The latter include facilities for persons with physical disabilities (which includes persons with sensory impairments, such as blindness); psychiatric disabilities; intellectual disabilities; and facilities for disturbed children. The summaries were constructed on the basis of Statistics Canada data for residential care facilities, available in the *Health Reports* series.

These facilities are ones reported to Statistics Canada by provincial authorities as either licensed, funded or operated by provincial governments and as serving four or more persons. The data pertain to 1993.[8]

Low-level nursing care may be provided in some of these residential care facilities. However, the reported facilities do not include general, psychiatric, rehabilitation or extended care hospitals, which are listed separately as hospitals in Statistics Canada's *Health Reports* series. The reported facilities include many group homes.

Global Cost Estimates

On the basis of the information that is available to the public, it can be estimated that expenditures for disability-related supports average about $317 per Canadian per year. This amount excludes expenditures for income maintenance and hospital primary health care programming. (See Table 2.) Projecting on the basis of Canada's total population (1991), an estimated $8.5 billion is spent annually for disability-related support programming.

Because of the wide discretion of provinces to design their own programs, however, the average expenditures per person vary significantly from province to province. It would appear that expenditures in Atlantic Canada are lower per person than in other parts of the country. Average per person expenditures are also comparatively low in Alberta and British Columbia. Given that the latter two provinces are relatively

[8]The provinces have wide discretion concerning which facilities they identify as residential care facilities. The statistical summaries for the facilities, then, are not based on rigorous, standardized identification criteria.

wealthy, the wealth of a province cannot be cited as the prime factor that determines the level of public expenditure for disability-related supports.

Also worth noting are the differing degrees of reliance across the provinces on nursing homes as vehicles of choice for making disability-related supports available. Sixty per cent or more of disability-related expenditures in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan are made through the nursing home system. When expenditures for the nursing home (i.e., a component of the extended health) system are eliminated, the average per person expenditure for disability-related supports in Canada is an estimated $210 annually, or about $5.7 billion.

TABLE 2. DISABILITY-RELATED EXPENDITURES (SELECT PROVINCES)

A. EXCLUDING PRIMARY HOSPITAL CARE AND INCOME MAINTENANCE

	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL POPULATION (1991)	AVERAGE PER PERSON
British Columbia	773,353,649	3,221,185	240
Alberta	813,816,297	2,503,280	325
Saskatchewan	389,611,000	893,210	436
Manitoba	412,673,800	1,045,680	395
Ontario	3,447,526,850	10,023,805	344
New Brunswick	156,404,939	717,590	218
Nova Scotia	168,769,059	889,185	190
Newfoundland	135,711,200	562,205	241
AVERAGE - ALL			317

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES ALL CANADA @ 317 PER PERSON

= 26,916,720 x 317 = 8,533,000,000

B. EXCLUDING PRIMARY CARE, INCOME MAINTENANCE AND NURSING HOMES

	EXPENDITURES	TOTAL POPULATION (1991)	AVERAGE PER PERSON	NURSING HOMES AS A % OF COSTS
British Columbia	441,538,516	3,221,185	137	43
Alberta	353,582,297	2,503,280	141	57
Saskatchewan	157,406,000	893,210	176	60
Manitoba	162,136,100	1,045,680	155	61
Ontario	2,835,764,591	10,023,805	283	18
New Brunswick	52,747,962	717,590	74	66
Nova Scotia	107,385,059	889,185	121	36
Newfoundland	54,049,592	562,205	96	60
AVERAGE - ALL			210	

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES ALL CANADA @ 210 PER PERSON

= 26,916,720 x 210 = 5,653,000,000

Findings By Province

This section of the report provides an overview of the expenditure details for the provinces researched, as well as a brief discussion of the public documents that were used for the research.

British Columbia

British Columbia's Ministry of Social Services' *Annual Report* for 1991-92 was the most current document available for that ministry at the time this research was conducted. The document provides brief but useful descriptions, data on program costs and the number of participants for most reported programs. The *Annual Report's* financial data provide a more detailed view of social service costs than do the numbers reported in the province's *Public Accounts*. The latter tend to be organized according to broad program categories that comprise the discrete programs reported in the *Annual Report* of the social services ministry.

The Social Services *Annual Report* is silent concerning the aggregate costs of Handicapped Benefits under the Guaranteed Assured Income for Need program. The research estimated this amount by multiplying the number of recipients by the maximum amount that individuals were eligible to receive. The number of recipients (18,258) is provided in the *Annual Report*.[9] The maximum eligible amount (1991) is provided in National Council of Welfare, *Welfare Incomes 1992*, Canada, Spring 1993, Table 2.[10]

The Ministry of Health and Ministry for Seniors' *Annual Report* provides useful descriptive and statistical information on programs delivered under that ministry. However, its financial details are somewhat general, making it difficult to estimate with much accuracy the extent to which health costs target persons with disabilities. Also, the categories used for descriptive purposes do not clearly coincide with the categories used in the *Public Accounts*. However, general estimates can be constructed

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[9]Table 38.

[10]In 1992, persons receiving Handicapped Benefits were eligible for a maximum of $8,823 plus an additional $33 Christmas allowance. In 1993 the maximum Handicapped Benefit was increased to 9,044. (National Council of Welfare, *Welfare Incomes, 1993*, Canada, Summer 1994, Table 2 and Table 2 Footnote 43.) Because the Annual Report for the Ministry of Social Services is for the 1991-92 period, the lower Handicapped Benefits figure was used to estimate the total expenditures under that program.

using some of the report's statistical information and the financial data in the *Public Accounts*.

British Columbia's Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour (previously the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) provides an annual report that gives a brief overview of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services program. The report indicates the dollars spent for vocational rehabilitation programming and the number of clients served, but does not provide further details concerning the nature of the programming.

TABLE 3. EXPENDITURES: BRITISH COLUMBIA

SOCIAL SERVICES, 1991-92

		EXPENDITURES
: FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
- Family Support Homemakers		7,484,014
- Respite Resources		n/a
- Spcl Svcs to Childrn & Fam.		11,558,942
- Children Admitted to Care because of disability or because of parental disability		n/a
: COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES		
- Residences, SIL and Intensive Adult Care		108,563,741
- Woodlands		32,696,000
- Training and Support		
Self-help Skills		26,166,127
Sup'td Work Placements		4,618,029
Achievement Ctr		453,400
Employment Init.		196,251
Bus Tickets (Ach. Ctr)		865,317
Prof. Suppt. Svcs		3,909,082
- Special Needs Day Care		16,093,776
- Infant Development		3,797,974
- At Home Respite		229,781
: PROGRAMS FOR INDEPENDENCE		
Hcp Benefits	*est	161,692,848
Pre-Employment (Ed,Voc,Reh)		5,016,508
Comforts Allowance		4,654,554
: HEALTH SERVICES		
At Home Program		5,500,000
Medical Goods		6,568,469
Other (Table 65) 91-2		6,744,579
: ADMINISTRATION (EST)		14,213,025
SKILLS, TRAINING AND LABOUR		
: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES		7,400,000

TABLE 3. EXPENDITURES: BRITISH COLUMBIA (CONT'D)

HEALTH	
Continuing Care	
- .9 x Program Management[11]	6,221,124
- .*85x Residential Care[12]	331,815,133
- Group Homes for the Hcpd	6,127,283
- Long Term Care Assessments	19,191,933
- Home Support Services	147,066,193
Pharmacare for medically dependent children (.3% tot.)	856,968
TOTAL BC	939,701,051
Less Handicapped Benefits and Comforts Allowance	773,353,649
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	20,434,149
OPERATIONS TOTAL	752,919,501
ADMINISTRATION AS A PERCENT	2.6

[11]Residential Care, Group Homes for the Handicapped, Long Term Assessments, and Home Support represent .9 of all Continuing Care program costs.

[12]The Ministry of Health's *Annual Report* indicates that 19,763 individuals receiving services in personal and immediate care facilities and in family care homes. This represents .85 of all individuals receiving residential services from the Ministry. See British Columbia, Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors. *Annual Report 1992-1993*, p. 55.

Alberta

Alberta's Family and Social Services *Annual Report* for 1992-93 provides a very general overview of the services it provides to persons with disabilities. It provides caseload data for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program and for various Services to Persons with Disabilities programs (e.g., number of children receiving Handicapped Children's Services; clients in various Residential Day Programs options; persons residing in Michner Centre.)

Concerning areas of programming where persons with disabilities are not the primary focus (e.g., Child Welfare Services) the report is silent about the department's disability-related programming.

As well, some persons with disabilities are receiving income maintenance through the Supports for Independence Program (SFI). However, the number of such individuals is not reported. Neither are the aggregate costs. Caseload information for the 1992-93 period provides some of the missing information. Those data were used to calculate the approximate proportion of all SFI recipients who were receiving disability benefits in 1993-94. That number was used in conjunction with the *Public Accounts* to estimate the costs for disability-related SFI payments in 1993-94.[13]

Alberta Health's *Annual Report* provides general information concerning its programs. Some of the programs that are reported have a focus on persons with disabilities (e.g., the Speech-Language Pathology program). However, the report does not provide financial details concerning such programs.

The *Public Accounts* provide reasonably detailed expenditure data for programs that focus on persons with disabilities (e.g., Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped; Services to Persons with Disabilities). However, specific financial information is not detailed for services like the Ministry of Health's Speech Language Pathology Program. As well, Vocational Rehabilitation now falls under the jurisdiction of Alberta Health. Alberta Health makes no mention of this in its annual report. Nor do the *Public Accounts* show a line item under Health for vocational rehabilitation programming.

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[13]The *Annual Report* contains financial information, most of which is reflected (with some minor variations) in the *Public Accounts*.

TABLE 4. EXPENDITURES: ALBERTA

FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

	Operating	Capital	Total
: INCOME SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES			
Supports for Independence			
- .028 x Program Delivery[14]	1,333,836		1,333,836
- .028 x other operating	22,028,944	13,132	22,042,076
Income Benefits			
- .7 x Program Delivery[15]	2,151,638		2,151,638
- AISH	162,465,000		162,465,000
: SOCIAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS			
Svcs to Persons w/ Disab.			
- Program Delivery	7,964,000	36,000	8,000,000
- Hcpd Children' Svcs	19,801,000		19,801,000
- Office Public Guardian	2,284,000		2,284,000
- Com'ty-Based Indiv. Svcs	70,313,000		70,313,000
- Institutional Svcs	25,379,000	126,000	25,505,000
- Michner Centre	56,146,000	133,000	56,279,000
ALBERTA HEALTH			
: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LONG TERM CARE			
- Program Support			44,505,000
- District Nursing Homes			293,262,000
- Private Nursing Homes			88,584,000
- Voluntary Nursing Homes			33,883,000
: COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES			
Alta Aids to Daily Living			
- Program Management	2,178,000		2,178,000
- Transfers	49,050,000		49,050,000
Home Care Services			
- Program Management	1,301,000		1,301,000
- Transfers	86,665,000		86,665,000

[14]It is estimated that .028 of the SFI caseload are persons with disabilities.

[15]AISH represents .7 of Income Benefits program expenditures.

TABLE 4. EXPENDITURES: ALBERTA (CONTINUED)

: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES			
Community Services			
- . 9 x Program Management[16]	515,297		515,297
- Mental Health Clinics	18,328,000	146,000	18,474,000
- Approved Homes	996,000		996,000
- Community Agencies	12,221,000		12,221,000
TOTAL	541,120,714	454,132	1,001,808,846
TOTAL Less SFI and AISH			813,816,297
: ADMINISTRATION			11,994,297
: OTHER OPERATING			801,822,000
ADMINISTRATION AS A PERCENT			1.47

[16]Mental Health Clinics, Approved Homes and Community Agencies represent about .9 of all Mental Health Community Services expenditures.

Saskatchewan

The *Annual Report* of Saskatchewan Social Services provides general yet useful descriptions of the programs it offers for persons with disabilities. Many of the programs that are most relevant for persons with disabilities are the responsibility of the department's Community Living branch.

The *Annual Report* details the numbers of people participating in various sub-programs of the Community-based Services Program (e.g., Adult Group Homes, Supported Living) and the associated costs -- $20,930,020. This $21 million for Community-based Services represents less than half of all expenditures under the Community Living Division. Cost details are not provided for Community Case Management, Therapy Support Services and Direct Residential Services (i.e., the Valley View Centre, a large provincial institution).

The *Annual Report* of Saskatchewan Health provides reasonably detailed descriptions of that department's programs. By inference it can be concluded that some of these programs cater largely to persons with disabilities (e.g., Home Care). Financial details for general areas of programming are also provided.

The *Public Accounts* provide brief but useful descriptions of programs operated under various departments. However, financial data are provided for broad areas of programming (e.g., Mental Health Services) and not for specific programs (e.g., Rehabilitation and Residential Services under Mental Health Services).

The *Public Accounts* reporting scheme allows for the differentiation of costs according to the following categories for health and social service programs: personal services, travel, grants, supplier payments (i.e., contract services, communications, supplies and services, equipment and other assets) and other payments. It is not entirely clear, however, what proportion of such costs should be assigned to administration.

TABLE 5. EXPENDITURES: SASKATCHEWAN

SOCIAL SERVICES (Public Accounts, 1993-94, Vol 2)

: COMMUNITY LIVING

Program Delivery	Grants, Supplier & Other Payments	TOTAL
19,448,000	25,994,000	45,442,000[17]

: SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - SPECIAL NEEDS

.143 x SAP[18] 44,035,420

HEALTH

	TOTAL
- Special Care Services	232,205,000
- Home Care Services	42,137,000
- Aid to Indep. Living	13,309,000
- Supplement. Hlth Svcs Prgm	11,393,000
- Sask. Hearing Aid Plan	2,267,000
- Mental Health Services	35,774,000
- Grants to MH orgs.	2,796,000

[17]Only 20,930,020 of this amount is for the Community-based Services Program.

[18]This figure was constructed on the basis of Health and Welfare Canada, *Inventory of Income Security Programs*, Ottawa, January 1988, Fig 4.19, which provides the per cent of persons with disabilities who were receiving SAP benefits. Statistics Canada provides a similar figure in *Selected Characteristics of Persons with Disabilities Residing in Households, 1991 Health and Activity Limitation Survey*, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology, 1994, Table 3.7.2. The total number of social assistance recipients (adults) for Saskatchewan was 8,520 in 1990. This is was 12.4 per cent of all social assistance recipients in the province. (See Saskatchewan Social Services, *Annual Report 1992-93*, p 14.)

TABLE 5. EXPENDITURES: SASKATCHEWAN (CONTINUED)

LABOUR	
- Labour Programs (Disabilities)	263,000
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT	
- Programs for the disabled	4,025,000
TOTAL	433,646,420
: Less SAP	389,611,000

Manitoba

Manitoba Family Services' *Annual Report* provides reasonably detailed descriptions of the programs that target persons with disabilities. Many of these fall within the Rehabilitation and Community Living branch. The numbers of participants are reported by specific program type (e.g., Supervised Apartment Living; Respite Services). The *Annual Report* provides expenditures by broad program area (e.g., Adult Programs), not by specific program (e.g., Crisis Intervention under the Adult Programs of the Community Living and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs Branch of the Rehabilitation and Community Living division of Manitoba Social Services).

Manitoba Health's *Annual Report* provides brief descriptive information on its programs. Its budget figures, however, refer to broad areas of programming (e.g., Long Term Care) not to specific programs (e.g., Personal Care Home Drug Program under Long Term Care division of the department's Continuing Care Programs).

The province's *Estimates of Expenditure* provide expenditure data only for broad program areas (e.g., Home Care), not for specific programs. However, figures are provided on amounts recoverable from Canada (e.g., transfer payments) concerning those broad program areas.

TABLE 6. EXPENDITURES: MANITOBA

MANITOBA FAMILY SERVICES

: INCOME MAINTENANCE (FAMILY SVCS AR 1991-92)

- Social Allowances

Caseload and expenditures, 1991-92

	Cases	Expenditures	# of exp.
Children	329	1,177,700	0.6
Sole parents	11,475	113,691,700	54.1
Aged	631	1,309,200	0.6
Prsns w/ disab.*	11,401	75,911,800	36.1
Home Care, DPA *		1,460,900	0.7
Crisis Facility	136	1,752,000	0.8
Students	1,025	4,553,100	2.2
General Assist.	1,563	9,680,800	4.6
Special Cases	10	464,700	0.2
Special Depend.	1	8,700	0.0
	26,571	$210,010,600	100.0

SOCIAL ALLOWANCES: DISABILITY 77,372,700
DISABILITY AS % SOCIAL ALLOWANCE 37

: FAMILY SERVICES, 1992-93

- Income Security and Regional Operations (Estimates of Exp. 1993-94)

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Financial Assist & External Agencies	Total
.37 x Admin.[19]	397,121	256,928		654,000
.37 x Hlth Svcs	5,449,138			5,449,100
.37 x Social Allow	87,616,740			87,616,700
Inc. Assist. for Dis	9,410,000			9,410,000
	102,872,999	256,928		103,129,900

[19]Details from the department's 1991-92 *Annual Report* indicate that .37 of social allowance costs are for persons with disabilities ($ 77,372,700/210,010,600).

TABLE 6. EXPENDITURES: MANITOBA (CONTINUED)

- Community Living and Rehabilitation (Estimates of Exp. 1993-94)

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Financial Assist & External Agencies	Total
Administration	614,300	232,000		846,300
CL & VR Programs[20]	1,110,600	413,400	38,586,000	40,110,000
Child. Spcl. Svcs	223,900	83,700	20,590,500	20,898,100
Man. Devel. Ctr.	20,371,900	2,910,300		23,282,200
	22,320,700	3,639,400	59,176,500	85,136,600

HEALTH (Estimates of Expenditure, 1993-94)

: CONTINUING CARE

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Financial Assist & External Agencies	Total
Administration	344,800	139,700		484,500
Home Care	1,173,200	3,303,100	64,459,000	68,935,300
Long Term Care	716,300	112,600		828,900
Personal Care Homes			250,537,700	250,537,700
	2,234,300	3,555,400	314,996,700	320,786,400

: MENTAL HEALTH

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	External Agencies	Total
Administration	399,600	168,200		567,800
Adult M H Svcs	1,070,800	1,489,300	2,453,200	5,013,300
Child/Adol. MH	1,014,600	155,100		1,169,700
	2,485,000	1,812,600	2,453,200	6,750,800
TOTAL MANITOBA	129,912,999	9,264,328	376,626,400	515,803,700

TOTAL LESS SOCIAL ALLOWANCES

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	External Agencies	Total
	27,040,000	9,007,400	376,626,400	412,673,800
: ADMINISTRATION				1,898,600
: OTHER OPERATING				410,775,200
ADMINISTRATION AS A PERCENT		0.5		
NON-TRANSFERS AS A PERCENT		8.7		

[20]Includes Residential and Support Services, Respite, Crisis Intervention, Special Rate, Day Programs, Day Programs Transportation, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employability programming.

Ontario

Curiously, Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services does not provide annual reports. Accordingly, other Roeher Institute research was consulted for program information.[21]

The *Public Accounts*, however, do provide reasonably detailed expenditure data for programs that affect persons with disabilities. Information is provided by specific program area. Detailed annexes provide the names of hundreds of organizations and individuals that receive transfer payments, and the amounts received.

[21]The Roeher Institute, *A Study of Personal Supports in Ontario*, North York, 1992; *Nothing Personal, The Need for Personal Supports in Canada*, North York, 1993.

TABLE 7. EXPENDITURES: ONTARIO

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

: ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM Public Accounts, 1992-93 (does not include recoveries from other ministries)

	Salaries & Wages	Other Expendit.	Transfers	Total
Income Maintenance				
- Optical/Professional			66,833,531	66,833,531
- Ont. Drug: Munic.			85,598,727	85,598,727
- .538 x FBA[22] *	36,821,022	17,356,635	1,735,384,279	1,789,561,936
- .538 Ont Drug Ben.			93,848,093	93,848,093

	Salaries & Wages	Other Expendit.	Transfers	Total
.2 x Adults' & Child Svcs. Administration	3,969,641	3,691,181	4,016,234	11,677,055
Adult Social Services				
- .85 x Long Term Care & Emp. Svcs. & Suppts.	14,636,002	8,465,193	724,181,954	747,283,149
			113,765,731	113,765,731
Children's Services				
- .13 x Chld Treatmt Svcs & transfers to OACMH & OSAC	7,071,730	3,574,244	23,893,088	34,539,062
Developmental Svcs	231,500,590	79,707,630	593,333,214	904,541,434

[22]This represents the 48.5% of Family Benefits Assistance recipients who are categorized as blind, disabled or unemployable and 5.3% who are classified as "other" (including vocational rehabilitation clients and handicapped children). See Health and Welfare Canada, *Inventory of Income Security Programs*, Ottawa, July 1990, fig 4.15.

TABLE 7. EXPENDITURES: ONTARIO (CONTINUED)

HEALTH

	Salaries & Wages	Other Expendit.	Transfers	Total
Assistive Devices	2,056,835	1,376,304	90,053,674	93,486,813
			Transfers	Total
Drug Benefits -Special Drug Program			31,694,302	31,694,302
	Salaries & Wages	Other Expendit.	Transfers	Total
.5 x Population Hlth & Community Svcs Administration	697,768	1,053,350	5,261,251	7,012,369
- Residential Service	3,812,961	1,244,970	606,704,328	611,762,259
- In Home Services	733,010	244,231	499,659,889	500,637,130
- Community Mntl Hlth[23]	1,236,471	341,924	139,643,653	141,222,048
- Public Health (Speech/Audio. Prgms)			3,625,147	3,625,147
TOTAL	302,536,030	117,055,662	4,817,497,095	5,237,088,786
TOTAL MINUS FBA	265,715,008	99,699,026	3,082,112,816	3,447,526,850
: ADMINISTRATION				18,689,424
: OTHER OPERATING				3,428,837,426
ADMINISTRATION AS A PERCENT		0.5		
NON-TRANSFERS AS A PERCENT		10.6		

[23]This row represents the estimated .6 of total salaries and other expenses that are spent on programs for supports persons with disabilities. not on alcohol and drug programs.

New Brunswick

The Department of Health and Family Services in New Brunswick provides a useful *Annual Report* that provides reasonably full descriptive information on that department's programs. Caseload information is provided for some programs operated by the department. However, expenditure figures pertain only to broad areas of programming (e.g., Family and Community Services), not to specific programs (e.g., Family and Community Services - Community Services to Disabled adults).

The department of Income Assistance's *Annual Report* also provides useful descriptive information on specific programs. Expenditure data, however, are general and of only indirect assistance for estimating costs for disability-related programming.

The most useful expenditure data are to be found in the *Public Accounts*. Here, information is available for select programs that target persons with disabilities (e.g., Seniors Rehabilitative Equipment Program). However, many people with disabilities are served by various Community Social Services. The only expenditure data that are provided pertain to the programs taken as a whole (as well as the global costs of the Program Standards and Support initiative). It is therefore necessary to use caseload information to estimate what proportion of all Community Social Services expenditures concern persons with disabilities.

TABLE 8. EXPENDITURES: NEW BRUNSWICK

INCOME ASSISTANCE	
- Long Term Established Needs	48,223,499
- Assistance with Rental Costs	509,108
- Health Services	7,561,495
- Special Care Assistance	18,346,298
- VRDP	521,003
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	
: PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES	
- Seniors Rehabilitative Equipment Program	1,316,755
: INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES	
- Nursing Home Services	103,656,977
: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES	
.208 x Community Social Svcs	25,002,411
TOTAL NEW BRUNSWICK	205,137,546
TOTAL LESS LTEN + ARC	156,404,939

Family and Community Social Services Caseloads (average monthly)

Child Protection	1,759
Temporary Status Children	316
Child in Care	849
Early Childhood Services	378
Children with Special Needs	661
One Parent Service	26
Subsidized Adoption	95
Young Offenders in Open Custody	122
Adult Protection	69
Cty Svcs to Disabled Adults	2,657
Seniors Services	8,993
TOTAL	15,925
Chld Spcl Needs + Svcs to Adults w/Disab, as a pct	20.8

Proportion of Family and Community Social Service expenditures for persons with disabilities = (661 + 2,657) / 15,925 = .208

Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia's Department of Social Services' *Annual Report* provides quite detailed program descriptions, statistical information on numbers of participants in various programs, and expenditure details. In contrast, the Department of Health's *Annual Report* is much more succinct and not particularly useful for estimating the proportion of all non-hospital health costs pertain to individuals with disabilities.

The province's *Estimates of Expenditure* gives brief but useful program descriptions for each of the programs for which expenditures are estimated. This is a useful guide that distinguishes between administrative and other expenditures.

TABLE 9. EXPENDITURES: NOVA SCOTIA

COMMUNITY SERVICES: FAMILY BENEFITS

- Caseload and expenditures, 1992-93

	# served	% of all exp.	TOTAL
Disabled persons	15,084	48.4	106,746,967
Disabled Father/Moth	2,883	9.3	20,402,513
Spouse of Disabled	6	0.0	42,461
DISABLED FAM BEN.	17,973	57.7	127,191,941

ALL FB EXPENDITURES: 220,500,000
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS % FBA EXPENDITURES = 57.7

- Diabetic Assistance	285,000
- .577 x FB Pharmacare	10,489,860

COMMUNITY SERVICES: ADMINISTRATION

- Home Care Services (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	External Agencies	Total
Admin.	1,002,400		1,002,400
Home Care Assmnt	2,933,100		2,933,100
Home Care Nursing	6,018,400		6,018,400
Home Care Subsidy		10,266,900	10,266,900
	9,953,900		20,220,800

- Field Services - Head Office (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	External Agencies	Total
Admin.	489,100		489,100
Dev. & Voc. Assmnt	233,900		233,900
	723,000		723,000

- Field Services - Field Offices (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	External Agencies	Total
.18 x Admin.	617,191		617,200
Rehab. Svcs	1,264,300		1,264,300
.577 Fam. Ben. Assmt	2,526,856		2,526,900
	4,408,347		4,408,400

TABLE 9. EXPENDITURES: NOVA SCOTIA (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY SERVICES: FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

- Day Care Services (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	External Agencies	Total
.03 x Admin.	12,939		12,900
Early Intervention		401,500	401,500
	12,939	401,500	414,400

COMMUNITY SERVICES: REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Services for the Handicapped (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	Allowances & External Agencies	Total
Administration	1,027,600		1,027,600
In Home Support		424,000	424,000
Small Option Homes		2,700,000	2,700,000
Adult Protection	674,600		674,600
	1,702,200	3,124,000	4,826,200

- Community Services (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	Allowances & External Agencies	Total
Administration	246,100		246,100
Summer Programs		579,100	579,100
	246,100	579,100	825,200

- Rehabilitation Services (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	Allowances & External Agencies	Total
Administration	780,900		780,900
Rehab Wkshops		6,319,200	6,319,200
Work Activity Prgms		2,205,400	2,205,400
	780,900	8,524,600	9,305,500

- NS Youth Training Centre (est. 93-94)

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Allowances & External Agencies	Total
Administration	683,200			683,200
Daily Living Prgms	2,050,600			2,050,600
Operating/Maint.		960,500		960,500
	2,733,800	960,500		3,694,300

TABLE 9. EXPENDITURES: NOVA SCOTIA (CONTINUED)

MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICE COSTS (GROSS MUNICIPAL EXP, 1992-93)

	Gross Public Expenditures	% Public Costs	Total
Res. Care Facil	3,715,861	0.62	3,715,900
Adult Res. Ctrs	16,752,395	0.99	16,752,400
Group Homes/Dev. Res	6,762,070	0.99	6,762,100
Reg. Res. Ctrs	18,115,954	0.99	18,116,000
	45,346,280		45,346,400

EDUCATION

- Rehabilitation Training	3,424,000

HEALTH

- Special Dental Plans	252,000
- Prosthetic Services	1,045,000
- Special Drug Plans	2,125,000
- Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged	61,384,000
	64,806,000

TOTAL NOVA SCOTIA	65,907,000	961,000	12,629,000	295,961,000

TOTAL LESS FAMILY BENEFITS

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	External Agencies	Total
	65,907,000	961,000	12,629,000	168,769,059
: ADMINISTRATION				4,859,400
: OPERATING				163,909,659

ADMINISTRATION AS A PER CENT 2.9

Newfoundland

Newfoundland's Department of Social Services *Annual Report* provides considerable statistical detail on that department's programs. Unfortunately, only select information is available on persons with disabilities. For example, caseload data are provided for Community Behavioral Services -- a program that targets persons with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities. Program costs are not provided, however.

Health Newfoundland and Labrador's *Annual Report* also provides considerable detail on that department's operations. Little of that information, however, is specific to disability.

The province's *Public Accounts* provide financial data for most of the broad program areas that the health and social service reports indicate have some focus on disability (e.g., Health - Long Term Special Care - Personal Care Homes). The *Public Accounts* also indicate some amounts that are recovered from the federal government through transfer payments.

TABLE 10. EXPENDITURES: NEWFOUNDLAND

Social assistance caseload, March 31, 1992

Single able-bodied	3,279	11.7
Single w/ disab.	9,073	32.3
Fam. Heads (male w/dis)	3,892	13.8
Fam. Heads (male-able)	4,142	14.7
Seniors	326	1.2
Refugees	531	1.9
Single parents	6,886	24.5
	28,129	100.0

Persons with disabilities as a per cent of social assistance caseload: 46.1

SOCIAL SERVICES, 1992-93

Social Assistance

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Financial Assit. & External Agencies	Total
.46 x Admin.	113,350	8,419		121,769
.46 x Soc. Assist		123,671	82,855,477	82,979,148
Home Support			16,481,759	16,481,759
	113,350	132,091	99,337,236	99,582,677

Developmental and Rehabilitative Services

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Allowances & Assistance	Total
Administration	400,221	101,678		501,899
- Developmental				
Residential Svcs	528,315	5,093,492	899,310	6,521,117
Support to Families			1,409,944	1,409,944
Support to Agencies		376,300		376,300
- Rehabilitative				
Voc. Trn & Supt			3,816,532	3,816,532
Emp. Supt Svcs		502,405	1,263,763	1,766,168
Pre. Voc. Trn. Ctr	832,905	15,331	31,929	880,165
Support to Agencies		1,329,379		1,329,379
	1,761,441	7,418,585	7,421,478	16,601,504

TABLE 10. EXPENDITURES: NEWFOUNDLAND (CONTINUED)

HEALTH

: LONG TERM SPECIAL CARE

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Allowances & Assistance	Total
LTC Facilities		81,661,608		81,661,608
Personal Care Homes		2,102,322	4,519,144	6,621,466
Waterford HSC			3,057,919	3,057,919
Homes for Ex Psych		5,005,380	2,120,759	7,126,139
Facilities & Equip		3,456,352		3,456,352
	0	10,564,054	9,697,822	101,923,484

: PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

	Salaries	Other Expenditures	Allowances & Assistance	Total
Mental Health	241,868	62,632		304,500
Special Needs Asst.		399,953		399,953
	241,868	462,585		704,453
TOTAL NFLD	2,116,659	18,577,315	116,456,536	218,812,118
: Less Social Assistance income support + admin				135,711,200

INVENTORY OF DISABILITY-RELATED SUPPORT PROGRAMS (FOR SELECTED PROVINCES)

British Columbia

Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors

Homemaker Service Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with health-related disabilities who are living at home.

Services:
Services are provided to assist with the following: daily living activities; meal preparation; personal care; housekeeping. (User fees are charged on an income tested basis.)

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors

Home Nursing Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with chronic illnesses and disabilities who are living at home or being discharged from hospital.

Services:
Nursing care is provided (without user fees).

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors

Pharmacare Program

Eligible Group(s):
Children who require the items.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Various appliances (e.g., artificial arms, legs, eyes, breasts) and braces are provided to children.

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors - Continuing Care

Community Support and Care Services

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who are acutely ill, have disabilities or infirmities or who have long-term chronic conditions (particularly seniors).

Services:
Various service programs are available to help individuals to retain optimum independence, including the Adult Day Service program (personal assistance, supervision, and health, social and recreational activities protective group settings); Home Support (in-home daily living services for seniors and young people with disabilities who cannot live independently but who want to remain at home); Community Rehabilitation Program (services in home and in residential facilities, as well as caregiver training); Community Home Care Nursing Services (chronic, acute, rehabilitative and palliative); and Case Management.

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors - Family Health

Child and Youth Mental Health Services

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with emotional or mental disorders.

Services:
Early intervention, ongoing support and specialized services are provided through provincial mental health centres, including: clinical assessments and program consultation; treatment; coordination of hospital, community and other ministry services; and professional and public education programs. The Well-Being program provides counselling to individuals who are deaf, deaf and blind, or hearing impaired. Services have been enhanced for children, youth and families struggling with severe/multiple disabilities.

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors - Family Health

Services to the Handicapped

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with multiple disabilities and children in extended care settings. (A major focus of the program is individuals who were formerly institutionalized.)

Services:
Various programs and services are provided to enable individuals to benefit from supported community living, including: the Head Injury Program (for adults who require specialized rehabilitation services); the Associate Family Program (community Care to children with complex needs); the At Home Program (respite support, medical equipment and supplies to families caring for children with severe disabilities at home).

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors - Mental Health Services

Community Residential Services

Eligible Group(s):
People with mental illness who do not require hospitalization.

Services:
Housing is provided with the aim of enabling persons with mental illness to integrate into the community, including semi-independent apartment-style residences and specialized long-term residential care facilities.

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Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors - Mental Health Services

Community Treatment Services

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with mental illness who do not require hospitalization.

Services:
Access is provided to assessment, stabilization, long-term treatment, rehabilitation, monitoring and case management through local mental health centres.

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Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with permanent physical or mental disabilities seeking economic independence through employment.

Services:
The program helps to finance technical and vocational training at universities, colleges and provincial institutes and provides restorative services.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The program helps to provide: restorative goods (e.g., artificial limbs); technical aids and equipment (e.g., computers and recording equipment); workplace and vehicle modifications (e.g., wheelchair ramps); and vocational crisis assistance for individuals in danger of losing their jobs.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Semi-Independent Living Program

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
In-home support is provided to enable individuals to live in their own communities.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Employment Initiatives for the Handicapped

Eligible Group(s):
Persons receiving Handicapped Benefits under GAIN.

Services:
Work experience is provided to help individuals upgrade their work skills and gain social contacts.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Single people may be eligible for up to $50/month to cover program-related expenses; couples may be eligible for $100/month.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Achievement Centres

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Services provided by the centres aim to improve individuals' personal, social or work-related skills.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Transportation allowances are available for eligible clients to offset the cost of attending achievement centres.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Professional Support Services

Eligible Group(s):
Contracted service providers, parents and field staff working with persons with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Consultative services are provided to help with the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs and services related to community living. Caregiver training is also provided.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Self-Help Skills

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Training in personal care, social integration and employment readiness is provided to assist individuals live in the community as independently as possible.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Supported Work

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with intellectual disabilities who are job-ready, require minimal support and who are able to work without additional support within 36 months.

Services:
Services target individuals, employers and the community and include job training, monitoring and marketing.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Special Needs Day Care

Eligible Group(s):
Children with special needs.

Services:
Additional supports geared to the specific needs of individual children are provided to enable them to participate in day care programs. (No income tests for parents.)

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Community Residences Program

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
The ministry contracts with non-profit societies, individuals, partnerships and limited companies to provide community residences.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Infant Development

Eligible Group(s):
Parents of children with significant developmental delays resulting from physical or intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Infant development consultation services are available to assist parents support their child's development.

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Ministry of Social Services - Community Support Services

Intensive Adult Care Services

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with challenging behaviours.

Services:
Short-term, intensive, community-based care is provided (often in response to an emergency in the individual's residential placement or to enable an individual to make the transition from institutions to the community).

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Ministry of Social Services - Family and Children's Services

Special Services to Children and Families

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with special physical, social or behavioral needs.

Services:
The services of child care workers are purchased from voluntary organizations or private companies.

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Ministry of Social Services - Family and Children's Services

Respite Resources

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with special needs.

Services:
Intermittent out-of-home care is provided to provide a break to families and to avoid difficulties that could lead to family disruption or the loss of independence.

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Ministry of Social Services - Family and Children's Services

Admissions to Care

Eligible Group(s):
Children who come into the care of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (e.g., under the Family and Child Service Act, the Family Relations Act, and the Adoption Act)

Services:
Special Care Home services were provided to 334 children with disabilities admitted to care in 1991-92. Protective services were provided to 697 additional children whose parents had disabilities. This represents 18.3 per cent of all children admitted to care in the province.

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Ministry of Social Services - Family and Children's Services

Family Support Homemakers Program

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with intellectual disabilities in financial need; families of children with disabilities; families requiring support.

Services:
Household management or child care services are purchased from community agencies at rates set by the Ministry of Health. (User fees may be charged depending on income.)

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Ministry of Social Services - Health Services Division

At Home Program

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children younger than 18 with severe disabilities.

Services:
Respite (and other services) are provided to help families deal with the emotional, educational, social and financial challenges in caring for their children at home.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are provided: medical services premium coverage; Pharmacare; supplies for health care needs; medically essential equipment (including maintenance and repairs); medical transportation and ambulance costs; dental care (up to a limit); and the cost of optical equipment, prosthetics and orthotics.

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Ministry of Social Services - Programs for Independence

Guaranteed Annual Income for Need - Handicapped Benefits

Eligible Group(s):
Persons certified by a doctor and whose disability is permanent and debilitating; who require extensive assistance or supervision; who face unusual and ongoing costs because of their condition; and opportunities for employment training are exhausted.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are provided: higher than usual welfare funding; medical, dental and pharmacy service costs (if no alternative source of funds is available); costs of prescription drugs and prosthetic/orthotic appliances; costs of transportation and accommodation for health purposes; general diagnostic and dental care up to a limit; cost of optical services and assistance with the cost of lenses, frames and other optical equipment; cost of speech therapy; cost of homemaker services; personal home rental costs in the event of hospitalization; inexpensive bus pass.

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Ministry of Social Services - Health Services Division; Ministry of Health

At Home Program - At Home Respite Program

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with severe disabilities.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Depending on income. up to $2,800 is available to purchase respite services.

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Provincial sales tax

Provincial sales tax exemptions are available for: artificial limbs; commodes; annulae; cystic fibrosis mist therapy equipment; equipment attached to the body (e.g., trachea tubes, retention catheters); support hosiery for varicose veins; incontinence briefs; page turners; reading machines for persons who are blind; canes for "chronic invalids" or blind persons; hearing aids and batteries; breathing masks; prescribed dental and optical appliances; specialized transportation services; orthopaedic appliances; diabetic supplies; ostomy supplies; gasoline on one vehicle owned or leased per person with a disability.

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
British Columbia

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	21	96	160	0	277
Disturbed Children	85	5	0	0	90
Intellectual Disability	406	29	2	1	438
Physical Disability	25	2	1	0	28
Psychiatric Disability	87	70	4	0	161
Count	624	202	167	1	994

Alberta

Alberta Family and Social Services - Services to Persons with Disabilities

Mitchner Centre

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Residential units and other services are provided to more than 760 persons. A satellite program (Youngstown Home, Drumheller) serves an additional 33 persons.

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Alberta Family and Social Services - Services to Persons with Disabilities

Residential Programs

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities.

Services:
The following programs are operated: Group Home; Proprietor-based Service; Supported Living Arrangements; Outreach Services; Relief Services; Other Contracted Services; Employment Support Services; Day Programs; Individual Contract Fund.

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Alberta Health - Family Health Services

Early Intervention

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with developmental delays between birth and three and one-half years of age.

Services:
Early childhood stimulation is provided to children and support is provided to families.

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Alberta Health - Family Health Services

Speech-Language Pathology

Eligible Group(s):
Preschool and school-aged children; adults.

Services:
Direction is provided for the development and implementation of speech-language pathology services through all health units and some community agencies.

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Alberta Health - Mental Health Division

Children's Mental Health Services

Eligible Group(s):
Children requiring mental health services.

Services:
The program provides planning, development monitoring and coordination of children's mental health services. Assessment and treatment are provided through community clinics. Community organizations are also contracted to provide a range of services.

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Alberta Health - Mental Health Division

Community Mental Health Clinics

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with mental illness.

Services:
A network of 54 mental health clinics and more than 40 satellite clinics directly provide the following: assessment and treatment to individual clients; consultation to general practitioners, health facilities, schools and community agencies; follow-up services for individuals discharged from health facilities; consultation to professionals working in residential and non-residential community facilities; and programs for persons with special needs (e.g., senior citizens, children).

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Alberta Health - Public Health Division

Aids to Daily Living

Eligible Group(s):
Persons referred by physician

Services:

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The costs of the following supplies and equipment are either partially (depending on income if age < 65) or entirely (if age 65+) underwritten: medical and surgical supplies; bathing and toileting aids; mobility aids; hearing aids; prosthetics and orthotic appliances; wheelchairs and accessories; bathroom equipment.

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Alberta Health - Public Health Division

Coordinated Home Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons referred by physician

Services:
The following services are delivered through 27 health units: nursing; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; respiratory therapy; speech therapy; nutrition services; Meals-on-Wheels; home maintenance; transportation; friendly visiting. (User fees up to a monthly maximum of $300.)

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Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)

Eligible Group(s):
Severely handicapped Albertans who have limited capacity to earn a livelihood.

Services:
Income support and medical benefits are provided.

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Family and Social Services

Supports for Independence - Disabled (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities who qualify for social allowance

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Additional disability benefit of $175.

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Family and Social Services

Supports for Independence - Disabled (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Recipients of social allowance who have severe and permanent physical or mental disabilities and who qualify on the basis of a needs test and who have an individual service plan that identifies required support.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
May be eligible for additional assistance (up to 3,000 per month, plus an additional 12% for administrative costs) to purchase supports for independent living, including: attendant services; homemaker services; health-related services not provided by health or medical professionals; short-term respite for paid caregivers in the event of emergencies or holidays; day programming (social participation or employment-related). Up to $500 may be available to pay for the development of individualized service plans. (Alberta Health assumes the cost of assessment performed under Home Care for persons with physical disabilities).

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Family and Social Services - Services to Persons with Disabilities

Handicapped Children's Services Program

Eligible Group(s):
Children younger than 18 assessed by medical or health professional as having chronic physical or mental disabilities whose parents act as guardians and who are residents of Alberta.

Services:
The following services are provided: counselling concerning problems relating to disability; dental and orthodontic services relating to disability; non-educational fees (e.g., for community programs); day care fees for extraordinary costs relating to disability; rehabilitation aid services.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Costs relating to the following are covered under the program: specially prescribed diets; prescription drugs; ambulance; medical costs until families are eligible for full coverage under Blue Cross; mileage for medically necessary transportation; meals and accommodation for children and parents for out-of-province medical care; wheelchairs; hearing aids; prosthetic appliances; orthopaedic shoes.

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Family and Social Services - Services to Persons with Disabilities

Office of the Public Guardian

Eligible Group(s):
Adult Albertans "who are unable to make personal decisions independently".

Services:
Surrogate decision-making mechanisms, supports and safeguards are available. The Office also conducts a Community Relations Program and Community Involvement Programs that provide information on guardianship to individuals, agencies, interest groups and guardians.

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Alberta does not have provincial sales taxes. Accordingly, the province does not provide tax exemptions or rebates for disability-related services and items.

Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
Alberta

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	1	123	158	4	286
Disturbed Children	74	10	1	0	85
Intellectual Disability	110	11	4	1	126
Physical Disability	9	4	0	0	13
Psychiatric Disability	13	3	4	0	20
Count	207	151	167	5	530

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Health

Saskatchewan Hearing Aid Plan

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who are deaf/hard of hearing

Services:
The program provides assessment, rehabilitation and support services at no cost.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Hearing aids are available at cost + $40.

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Saskatchewan Health

Saskatchewan Paraplegia Program (Paraprogram)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who are paraplegic.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Wheelchairs and other equipment are available under the program.

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Saskatchewan Health - Community Services Branch

Adult Community Services

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with mental health problems.

Services:
The branch provides direct and indirect clinical and consulting services; counselling and support for community clients; treatment of mental health problems; and consultation and support to community agencies.

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Saskatchewan Health - Community Services Branch

Child and Youth Services

Eligible Group(s):
Children and teenagers experiencing emotional problems (and their families).

Services:
Individual and family counselling services are provided in each of the province's eight health regions.

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Saskatchewan Health - Community Services Branch

Community Therapy

Eligible Group(s):
People with physical and functional disabilities.

Services:
Physiotherapists and occupational therapists provide services to rural hospitals, rural special-care homes, community health agencies, community groups and people in their own homes.

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Saskatchewan Health - Community Services Branch

Rehabilitation and Residential Services

Eligible Group(s):
People with long-term mental illness.

Services:
Psychiatric rehabilitation services are provided, including case management and social and vocational rehabilitation services.

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Saskatchewan Health - Community Services Branch

Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who satisfy medical criteria and who are referred by a health professional.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are available under the program: free loan and repair of mobility aids; manufacture/repair of prosthetic and orthotic appliances; free loan of select respiratory equipment; environmental equipment (e.g., transfer bars and commodes); medical supplies; special rehabilitation equipment; other special benefits for paralysed persons, persons with kidney infection or cystic fibrosis; cost of telephone appliances that permit access to regular telephone.

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Saskatchewan Health - District Support Branch

Home Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Assessed need (no age restrictions; no medical referral)

Services:
Funded services that are delivered through autonomous, non-profit corporations and which involve user fees (up to $330/month) include: personal care; home management; meal preparation; home maintenance; volunteer assistance (e.g., for surveillance and friendly visiting). Services provided without user fees include: assessment; care coordination; nursing; physiotherapy; occupational therapy.

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Saskatchewan Health - District Support Branch

Personal Care Homes

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who have been assessed by the branch or by other approved agencies.

Services:
More than 200 homes provide approximately 1,400 persons accommodation, meals and assistance with personal care.

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Saskatchewan Health - District Support Branch

Special-care Homes

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who require more care and supervision than is available in their own homes (and their family members).

Services:
Services are provided by 174 special-care homes (9,700 beds) and 97 hospitals (734 beds). Eighteen facilities provide adult day programs. Respite care is also provided to family members.

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Saskatchewan Health - Medical Care Insurance Branch

Supplementary Health Services Program

Eligible Group(s):
People nominated by Saskatchewan Social Services, which includes residents of special care homes whose income is at or below the Saskatchewan Income Plan level.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The costs of the following non-insured health services are covered: certain medical and dental services; drugs and appliances; optometric and optical services; health-related transportation costs.

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Saskatchewan Health - Northern Health Services

Mental Health

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals, families and communities with mental health problems.

Services:
Mental health nurses and social workers provide assessment, counselling and referral services.

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Saskatchewan Health - Northern Health Services

Northern Home Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in isolated northern communities.

Services:
The following services are provided without fees: assessment; case coordination and nursing. However, clients are charged a nominal general fee of up to $50/month.

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Saskatchewan Health - Northern Health Services

Speech Language Pathology

Eligible Group(s):
Preschool children and adults with speech difficulties.

Services:
A speech language pathologist provides assessment and treatment to preschoolers, and works with early childhood intervention programs and other community agencies to help plan and carry out preschool programs. The pathologist also works with adults through stuttering clinics.

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Saskatchewan Social Services

Saskatchewan Assistance Plan (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who qualify on the basis of a needs test.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are available to persons who qualify: up to $40/month to pay for tasks that individuals with disabilities cannot perform on their own ($10/month for persons receiving room and board allowance; rehabilitation allowances in some circumstances after other funding sources have been explored; financial assistance for repairs/alterations to property when essential for health and safety; travel expenses for medical treatment; extra monthly amounts for medically prescribed diets; costs of special clothing related to a health condition; telephone costs for health and work purposes. The following in-kind benefits are available to persons who qualify: medical care insurance; homemaker services; transportation for medical reasons; prescription drug plan costs; fees for vocational assessment or life skills training; SAIL equipment.

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Saskatchewan Social Services

Saskatchewan Assistance Plan (2)

Eligible Group(s):
SAP-eligible persons with disabilities living at home with parents and who require special care.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are available to persons who qualify: special care allowance equivalent to the rate payable on be half of a resident in a private home not approved under the Mental Health Act.

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

Community-based Services

Eligible Group(s):
People with disabilities

Services:
A variety of service programs are provided, including Group Homes; Approved Private Homes; Supportive Living (for individuals with intellectual disabilities living in their own homes or apartments); Supported Apartment Living Program (for persons requiring more support than that offered through Supportive living and less support than what is provided through the Group Homes program); Activity Centres (for persons with limited motor and sensory development); Sheltered Workshops (for the development of social and work skills); Activity Programs (centre-based programs and initiatives to integrate senior citizens with disabilities into other programs); Early Childhood Development (home-based training and support to parents of children up to five years of age with developmental disabilities.

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

Community Case Management

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with disabilities, families, private-service home operators and non-governmental agencies.

Services:
The following services are provided: individual assessment, planning and case management; general consultation; support to community boards; and staff training

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

Direct Residential Services

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals "whose needs cannot be met in the wider community".

Services:
Valley View Centre provides direct care, medical services, behavioral and physical therapy and recreation programming for nearly 500 persons.

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

Family Support Programs

Eligible Group(s):
Families of persons with disabilities.

Services:
Respite services are provided by resource homes in Saskatoon and by designated providers throughout the province. The Outreach Program provides respite to families who do not have access to resource homes.

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

General Services

Eligible Group(s):
Non-government organizations.

Services:
Provincial organizations receive grants to provide various services to persons with disabilities.

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Saskatchewan Social Services - Community Living

Therapy Support Services

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with disabilities and agencies.

Services:
Consultation and program support are provided, as well as workshops on behavioral and developmental programming for government and non-government staff. Family support services help parents and their children through the initial adjustment to disability.

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Provincial sales tax

Provincial sales tax exemptions for: artificial limbs; orthopaedic appliances and equipment solely for use by chronic invalids or persons who are blind or with physical disabilities; hearing aids; medications (including injections and inhalants); dentures. Sales tax rebates for: equipment/devices to convert vehicles for use or operation by persons with physical disabilities (including electronic lifts and hand controls).

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
Saskatchewan

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	1	88	59	1	149
Disturbed Children	9	0	1	0	10
Intellectual Disability	79	6	0	1	86
Physical Disability	2	2	2	0	6
Psychiatric Disability	9	0	0	0	9
Count	100	96	62	2	260

Manitoba

Manitoba Family Services - Children's Special Services

Community-Based Services to Families

Eligible Group(s):
Families caring for children with a disability.

Services:
In parts of the province where services are not available, a mobile therapy program has been contracted to provide occupational and physical therapy on an itinerant basis. Services are delivered at home, school, day care and nursery school programs.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Resources are geared to family need for various supports, including respite, child development services, supplies and equipment, transportation, and training of workers in rural, northern and remote parts of the province.

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Manitoba Family Services - Children's Special Services

External Agencies

Eligible Group(s):
Children and adults for whom no viable community care options exist.

Services:
Residential care services are provided on contract by St. Amant Centre Inc. Funding and consultation is provided to the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Inc., which provides assessment and early intervention services (e.g., occupational therapy, speech therapy and physiotherapy, early childhood education, and family counselling.) Funding and consultation are provided to Community Respite Services to provide community-based respite.

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Manitoba Family Services - Income Security and Regional Operations

Social Allowances - Income Assistance for the Disabled

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with disabilities who are social allowance recipients.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Extra financial assistance of $60/month in recognition of the additional costs associated with living in the community; additional food allowances for special diets; extra assistance for health-related travel; up to $150/year for special needs not covered in the regulations; up to $350 for "excess special needs" (on approval by senior officials); additional amounts as approved by the central office.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Day Programs Transportation Services

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with intellectual disabilities who attend departmentally approved and funded day programs.

Services:
Transportation services are purchased from private and non-profit providers where distance or level of disability create problems in the use of regular transportation.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Community Residences

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with a mental disability.

Services:
The following are provided by community boards/agencies: accommodation; day-to-day operating necessities; on-site care and supervision.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Special Rate

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with an intellectual disability whose needs cannot be met through existing programs and rates.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Resources include residential support, day service support, family support and clinical/therapeutic input.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Day Programs

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with an intellectual disability.

Services:
Service options include: supported employment and non-facility based services with a vocational focus to develop, maintain and maximize an individual's vocational and social skills; facility-based services with a vocational focus; personal development services to develop, maintain and maximize personal care skills, emotional growth, physical development, socialization and communication skills; and follow-up services to support individuals in jobs in community settings.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Respite Services

Eligible Group(s):
Primary givers of care to adults with an intellectual disability.

Services:
Short-term care is provided to relieve caregivers of continuous care.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Crisis Intervention

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with an intellectual disability whose continuation in community placement is in immediate jeopardy.

Services:
Immediate support is provided while longer-term plans are developed and implemented.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Additional Care and Support

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with an intellectual disability.

Services:
Training, care and support are provided.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Individualized funding is provided to address basic needs over and above basic care and supervision.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Supervised Apartment Living

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with an intellectual disability.

Services:
Training and supervision are provided to enable individuals to live in their own accommodation.

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Manitoba Family Services - Rehabilitation and Community Living

Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities seeking to pursue secure and gainful employment in the competitive labour market.

Services:
The following services are provided: assessment services; vocational training; education; restorative and support services.

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Manitoba Family Services - Special Employment Programs

Employability Enhancement Programs

Eligible Group(s):
Social assistance recipients.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Funded by the federal government, provincial training and employment initiatives are provided to various groups, including persons with disabilities.

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Manitoba Family Services - Special Employment Programs

Job Opportunity Service

Eligible Group(s):
Employment disadvantaged persons (including social assistance recipients) and students and youth.

Services:
Registration, referral and placement services are provided to students with summer positions within provincial governmental departments, Crown corporations and commissions. (75 of 1,217 placements in 1992-93 were persons with disabilities).

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Manitoba Health

Continuing Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Children deemed eligible for the Home Care Program

Services:
Case management (e.g., service coordination) is provided.

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Manitoba Health

FOKUS and Luther projects (under Home Care Program)

Eligible Group(s):
Young persons with physical disabilities.

Services:
Support services are provided to individuals living in modified apartments in designated apartment buildings.

Manitoba Health

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Eligible Group(s):
Children under 18.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Orthopaedic shoes, hearing aids and grants towards the costs of Telephone Devices for the Deaf are provided.

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Manitoba Health

Prosthetic and Orthotic Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who have received a medical prescription for designated items.

Services:
Various devices and services are provided where prescribed by medical practitioners.

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Manitoba Health - Continuing Care Programs

Home Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who qualify on the basis of a needs assessment.

Services:
The following services are provided at home as an alternative to institutional placement: nursing care; household maintenance; meal preparation; personal care; occupational therapy; physiotherapy; volunteer services (e.g., Meals-on-Wheels); friendly visiting; shopping; health teaching and monitoring; referral for equipment; specialized services for persons with lung disease, antibiotic therapy and dialysis; respite (short-term admissions to personal care homes).

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Medical supplies are provided to persons who qualify.

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Manitoba Health - Home Care Program

Home Care Equipment and Supplies

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with physical disabilities.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Medical supplies and equipment are provided to enable individuals to live in their own community environment.

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Manitoba Health - Home Care Program

Self-Managed Care Project

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with physical disabilities who satisfy the program criteria.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Funding is provided to clients according to their assessed levels of Home Care service, but clients are allowed to self-manage the delivery of their care.

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Manitoba Health - Long Term Care

Personal Care Home Program; Deer Lodge Centre; Personal Care Home Drug Program; Community Therapy Services Inc.; Adult Day Care Program; Respite Care Program in Personal Care Homes

Eligible Group(s):
Persons residing in personal care homes.

Services:
A range of services are provided through these programs, including: personal care services; "neurosupportive" services to persons with severe brain damage; pharmaceuticals; physiotherapy and occupational therapy services; recreation, socialization, transportation, meals/snacks; and respite services.

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Manitoba Health - Mental Health Services

Adult Mental Health Services

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with mental health difficulties.

Services:
Services are provided by the Brandon and Selkirk Mental Health Centres; eight Health and Family Services Regions (community-based services). Adult forensic services are also provided.

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Manitoba Health - Mental Health Services

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Eligible Group(s):
Children and youth with mental health difficulties.

Services:
The following services are provided: rural/northern community mental health workers for children and adolescents; Children's Forensic Services; the psychiatric component of the Child Guidance Clinic and St. James Educational Support Services; psychiatric services on contract to consult with child support systems: and the Acute Treatment and Consultation Team.

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Municipal Assistance offices

Municipal Assistance

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities or illness (usually short-term).

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The costs of the following health-related items may be covered: prescribed diets; travel for medical purposes; prescription drugs; telephone if medically necessary.

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Provincial sales tax

Eligible Group(s):

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Sales tax exemptions are provided for the following: artificial limbs; orthopaedic appliances; hearing aids; dentures; equipment solely for use by "chronic invalids" or persons who are blind or who have physical disabilities; drugs/medications; prescribed dental and optical appliances.

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Physical Disability	0	1	0	0	1
Psychiatric Disability	21	9	1	1	32
Count	182	90	58	3	333

Ontario

Ministry of Community and Social Services

GAINS-D (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with a major, permanent physical or physical disability that severely limits their ability to carry out ordinary activities or who have been deemed "unemployable".

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Up to 80% of shelter costs in excess of the allowable Family Benefits Allowance to a maximum threshold ($159 for single persons and $279 for six or more persons).

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

GAINS-D (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons residing in institutions under the Mental Hospitals Act or who are in Vocational Rehabilitation Services training.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Rehabilitation allowances are available for transportation and work-related expenses, up to $100/month.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

GAINS-D (3)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who have been required to participate in a vocational rehabilitation program.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Up to $369/month is available if the individual is required to move in order to participate in vocational rehabilitation while also maintaining their regular place of residence.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

GAINS-D (4)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons residing in an institution approved by the welfare director (e.g., a "mental retardation facility" or a home for special care.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
In addition to the regular Family Benefits Allowance, up to $650 is available as a discharge allowance to establish an independent residence.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

GAINS-D (5)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in facilities under the Developmental Services Act or Charitable Institutions Act (e.g., halfway houses, homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes).

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Family Benefits Allowance coverage of institutional per diem plus an additional monthly comforts allowance ($100 for persons up to age 65; $112 for persons 65 and older).

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who have been certified by a physician.

Services:
Nursing care is available to persons who qualify. COMSOC covers 80% of the costs and the municipalities the other 20%.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Homemakers and Nurses' Services Program (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Elderly, ill or convalescent persons or persons with disabilities at risk of institutional placement.

Services:
The following services are delivered by municipalities and Band Councils (directly and on a fee for service basis by means of the VON and other service agencies): shopping; meal planning and preparation; cleaning; laundry; personal care; child care; training in household management.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Home Support Program

Eligible Group(s):
Elderly persons living in the community.

Services:
The following services are delivered through several hundred community service agencies: home maintenance; security checks; friendly visiting. (COMSOC covers 70% of the costs. Municipalities, voluntary subscriptions and user fees account for the remaining 30%.)

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Outreach Attendant Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons whose needs are not met through the Support Service Living Units Project

Services:
From one to three hours of attendant services are provided per day in consumers' own homes.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Support Service Living Units Project

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with physical disabilities living in designated housing units (e.g., designated apartments or group homes).

Services:
The following services are provided: assistance with mobility, transferring and positioning; housekeeping; meal preparation, assistance with eating and clean-up; assistance with dressing, undressing and going to bed; washing; grooming and toileting; essential communication services.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Adults' and Children's Services -Children's Services

Child Treatment Services

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Adults' and Children's Services Program - Adults' Social Services

Long Term Care

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Adults' and Children's Services -Adults' Social Services

Employment Services and Supports

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Adults' and Children's Services

Developmental Services - Adults and Children

Eligible Group(s):
Primarily individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Services:
Residential services, community resource centres, sheltered workshops, protective and other supportive services are provided.

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Income Maintenance

Ontario Drug Benefit Plan

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Ministry of Health

School Health Support Services Program

Eligible Group(s):
Children in school settings.

Services:
The following services are provided (as well as the related training and supervision) by hospital out-patient departments, Children's Treatment Centres and Home Care Programs: nursing; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy; nutritional counselling.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Dressings and medical supplies are provided.

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Ministry of Health (administered by local health units, hospitals, the VON, municipal social service departments and incorporated boards)

Home Care Program (38 discrete programs)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who are chronically ill and persons with intellectual or physical disabilities who require therapeutic services and whose rehabilitation potential is limited and who require at least three visits per month of one or more of the services provided under the program.

Services:
The following services are provided: nursing; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; speech therapy; acute home care (for acutely ill persons or persons in recovery from accident, illness or injury who require short-term services).

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:

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Ministry of Health (administered through local Home Care Programs and funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services)

Integrated Homemaker Program (20 discrete programs)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities and elderly persons in their own homes (on referral from the Victoria Order of Nurses or Public Health departments).

Services:
The following services are provided: homemaker assistance; food shopping; meal planning and preparation; house cleaning; laundry; personal care services.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:

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Ministry of Health - Health System Management Program

Assistive Device Services

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with long-term physical disabilities who have received medical certification and authorization by a program official.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Seventy-five per cent of the costs are covered for over 11,000 different pieces of equipment in the following categories; communication aids; diabetes supplies and equipment; enteral feeding supplies; hearing aids; incontinence supplies; orthotic devices; ostomy supplies; prosthetic devices; respiratory equipment; visual aids; wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

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Ministry of Health - Health System Management System - Drug Benefits

Special Drug Program

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Ministry of Health - Population Health and Community Services Program

Residential Services

Services:
Extended Care services and Homes for Special Care are provided.

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Ministry of Health - Population Health and Community Services Program

In Home Services

Services:
Home care assistance and placement coordination services are provided.

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Ministry of Health - Population Health and Community Services Program

Public Health - Speech and Audiology Programs

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Municipal welfare departments

General Welfare Assistance

Eligible Group(s):
Persons whose incomes only marginally exceed their budgetary requirements, and persons whose incomes are less than their budgetary requirements when the costs of prescription drugs are incorporated into the income test.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
$2.50/month is provided together with ongoing entitlement to health-related benefits.

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Municipal welfare departments (all, as of October 1991).

Special Necessities

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in need of financial assistance over and above other government benefits.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Cost coverage for the following items is mandatory: diabetic supplies; surgical supplies and dressings; transportation reasonably required for medical treatment; community start-up allowance to assist persons discharged from institutions to become established in the community.

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Some municipal welfare departments

Supplementary Aid (under General Welfare Assistance)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in need of financial assistance over and above other government benefits (e.g., FBA; GAINS-D; GAINS-A; CPP).

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Discretionary cost coverage is available for the following: special diets; medical supplies and surgical dressings; moving costs; special transportation to hospitals; other items included as municipal Special Assistance.

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Some municipal welfare departments

Special Assistance (under General Welfare Assistance)

Eligible Group(s):
Recipients of General Welfare Assistance who are in financial hardship because of costs relating to special needs.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Cost coverage includes but is not limited to the following: medical items and services (e.g., drugs, dental and optical services, surgical and prosthetic supplies); moving and transportation expenses; repairs to residence or household appliances; up to $791 discharge benefit to facilitate the move from an institution to the community; up to $63/month for guide dog or oxygen equipment.

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Provincial sales tax

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Sales tax exemptions are provided for: artificial limbs and prosthetic appliances/equipment as defined by the Minister of Revenue; orthopaedic appliances; equipment designed solely for use by "chronic invalids" or persons who are blind or who have physical disabilities; and hearing aids. Sales tax rebates are provided for motor vehicles purchased by and registered under the name of: a person with a permanent physical disability or whose mobility is permanently restricted and who has purchased the vehicle for personal use; a qualifying member of the family of a person with a disability; or a charitable, religious or non-profit organization using the vehicle to provide transportation to persons with intellectual disabilities.

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
Ontario

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	17	156	482	20	675
Disturbed Children	160	55	3	0	218
Intellectual Disability	555	90	20	5	670
Physical Disability	19	20	2	0	41
Psychiatric Disability	68	94	6	0	168
Count	819	415	513	25	1772

New Brunswick

Health and Community Services

Adult Services Respite Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Provision is made for attendaant services and homemaker/housekeeper services. Respite services are also provided in various settings (e.g., special care homes).

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Health and Community Services

Community-Based Services to Disabled Adults

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with disabilities.

Services:
Personal and community support services are provided to help clients learn how to function independently in the community. Respite and suppport services are also provided to strengthen indindividuals' networks of natural support.

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Health and Community Services

Community-Based Services for Children with Special Needs

Eligible Group(s):
Children under 19 with long-term and severe disabilities or disorders.

Services:
The following services are provided: interdisciplinary needs assessment; service coordination; respite; family supports; residential care.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Extraordinary financial costs relating to disability are covered. Depending on family income, families may be required to share the costs.

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Health and Community Services

Extra-Mural Hospital

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with health-related needs that could result in premature or prolongued hospitalization

Services:
Home care service are available to reduce hospital admissions and to encourage earlier discharge from medical facilities.

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Health and Community Services

Homemaker/Housekeeper Service

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities who live at home.

Services:
Various services are contracted from non-profit agencies to assist with daily activities (e.g., personal care services).

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Health and Community Services

Meals-on-Wheels; Wheels-to-Meals

Eligible Group(s):
People in need of food.

Services:
Individual transportation is coordinated to personal residences and to places in the community where meals are served.

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Health and Community Services

Seniors' Rehabilitation Equipment Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons 65 and older

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financing is provided to the Red Cross and the Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled for environmental and mobility equipment (e.g., hospital beds; wheelchairs; walkers).

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Health and Community Services

Special Care Homes

Eligible Group(s):
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Services:

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
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Health and Community Services

Supported Training and Employment Program

Eligible Group(s):
Adults with disabilities.

Services:
Vocational support services are provided so adults with disabilities have opportunities to learn vocational skills.

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Income Assistance

Assistance with Rental Costs Program (ARC)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons 60 - 64 certified by the Medical Advisory Board disabled or couples with one partner 60 - 64; or persons 19 or older certified as disabled. All qualifying individuals are subject to a needs test.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financial assistance is provided directly to clients (i.e., not to landlords) to cover rental and boarding home costs.

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Income Assistance

Health Services Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who qualify for income assistance and their dependents, children in care of the province and nursing home residents whose care is being subsidized by the province.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financial assistance is provided for the purchase of basic health services, supplies or items not ordinarily covered by Medicare or private health plans. Available benefits include prescription drugs and ambulance services, certain dental and vision services, hearing aids, orthopedic items, prostheses and various convalescent and rehabilitative items.

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Income Assistance

Income Maintenance

Eligible Group(s):
Family heads or dependents who qualify for welfare.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following costs are covered: transportation for rehabilitation, medical services, hospital or nursing home care not available in the personal home.

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Income Assistance

Long Term Established Needs Program (LTEN)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons assessed as unemployable and who have been on income assistance 90 % of the time since June, 1981; persons who have been certified as blind or disabled by the Medical Advisory Board; persons who are in receipt of CPP Disability benefits; Old Age Security; Extended Spouse Allowance and/or Department of Veterans Affairs Pensions.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Basic financial assistance is provided.

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Income Assistance

Special Care Home Assistance Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons wishing to enter special care homes.

Services:
Financial assessment services are provided to determine applicants' eligibility for funding. (As of December, 1993, the Special Care Homes program has been operated and funded by the department of Health and Community Services.)

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Income Assistance

Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons (VRDP)

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals with disabilities who are identified as able to achieve a vocational goal with the program's assistance.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Most program expenditures are for transportation, technical equipment, training costs and support workers needed to remove (to the fullest extent possible) the effects of impairments that limit individuals' achievement of vocational goals.

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Provincial sales tax

Eligible Group(s):

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Sales tax rebates are available on all/partial costs of: select communication devices for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; breathing aparatus (for persons with respiratory problems); mechanical percussors (for postural drainage); laryngeal speaking aids and parts (including batteries); selector control devices for selecting, energizing or controlling household equipment; heart monitoring devices and batteries; hospital beds for home use; mechanical lifts; wheelchair ramps for motor vehicles; portable wheelchair ramps; motor vehicle driving controls.

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
New Brunswick

	Average Size			
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	Count
Aged	108	85	31	224
Disturbed Children	13	0	0	13
Intellectual Disability	107	13	0	120
Physical Disability	35	3	0	38
Psychiatric Disability	67	13	0	80
Count	330	114	31	475

Nova Scotia

Department of Community Services - Adult Protection

Homes for Special Care

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who are unable to live independently in the community.

Services:
Supervisory and/or personal care services are provided in homes for the aged, nursing homes, residential care facilities, adult residential centres, community-based residential facilities and rehabilitation centres.

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Department of Community Services - Family Benefits

Family Benefits Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in need, including persons 18 and over with a major physical or mental impairment that is likely to last at least one year and prevents participation in the regular labour market and who are not eligible for OAS; husbaand or wife of disabled spouse who is in a hospital or similar institution; disabled parents who have a dependent child or children in their care.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are available to persons who qualify: additional benefits (discretionary) to purchase rehabilitation services; medical exams; diabetic drugs and health-related transportation; Pharmacare card (for prescription drugs).

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Department of Community Services - Services for the Mentally Handicapped

Adult Institutional Servies

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who have previously received psychiatric treatment, usually as in-patients; other adults with intellectual or mental (i.e., psychiatric) disabilities, often with challenging behaviours; persons with degenerative disorders, including the aged, who have additional challenging behaviours that make them "unsuitable for other placement alternatives".

Services:
The following are provided: Regional Rehabilitation Centres (for people with the highest potential to move to less restrictive alternatives in the community); and Adult Residential Centres (for individuals with intellectual/psychiatric disabilities who require "mor stable, longer-term environments".

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Department of Community Services - Services for the Mentally Handicapped

Children's Services

Eligible Group(s):
Children with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Services:
The following service programs are provided: At Home Program (support and assistance to parents maintaining a handicapped child at home. Financial assistance up to $300/mo + $52 for respite); Alternative Home Program (alternate/associate family on a permanent or temporary basis); Children's Training Centres (personal care and training in a children's training centre for children with severe disabilities who "are unable to remain at home with their natural parents"); and personal care and training in a nursing unit setting.

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Department of Community Services - Vocational and Community Services

Adult Vocational Service Centres

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who have mental or physical disabilities.

Services:
Job brokerage and transition planning services are provided through various centres.

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Department of Community Services - Vocational Rehabilitation and Community Services

Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Services:
Assessment, career counselling and training are provided to enable individuals with disabilities to become gainfully employed.

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Department of Community Services - Vocational Rehabilitation and Community Services

Community Residential Services

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with an intellectual disability, mental disability (e.g., psychiatric disability) or physical disability.

Services:
Respite is provided for primary care givers, up to a maximum of 30 days.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Residences accommodating 6 - 12 persons are provided, as well as "small options" (supported living arrangements).

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Department of Health

Long Term Care Program (??)

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals at risk of hospitalization.

Services:
The following services are contracted from the Victoria Order of Nurses to prevent hospitalization: nursing care; physiotherapy; nutritional counselling: home care; and respite.

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Department of Health

Prosthetics Services Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in need.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financial assistance for purchase or replacement of prescribed prosthesis (adults, once every eight years; children, once every two years).

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Departments of Community Services; Health; Municipal Affairs; Housing; and the Senior Citizens' Secretariat

Coordinated Home Care (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Individuals who qualify on the basis of a multi-disciplinary assessment

Services:
Home nursing care is available. (The Department of Health and Fitness may purchase the services from the Victoria Order of Nurses and may coordinate volunteers for in-home assistance.)

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Departments of Community Services; Health; Municipal Affairs; Housing; and the Senior Citizens' Secretariat

Coordinated Home Care (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons who qualify on the basis of an income test.

Services:
The following services are available, mainly under the responsibility of the Department of Community Services: light housekeeping; meal preparation; home handyman services; assistance with medical/dental appointments; and some personal care services.

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Municipal Social Services

Municipal welfare (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities over 18 who qualify for municipal welfare.

Services:
Social services are available as negotiated in contracts with service providing agencies.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Service delivery is coordinated through municipal social service offices.

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Municipal Social Services

Municipal welfare (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Families who act as primary caregivers of adults with disabilities (who would otherwise be placed in municipal institutions) and who qualify on the basis of an income test.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Up to $400/month is available to families who act as primary caregivers.

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Municipal welfare

Halifax welfare

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities who qualify for Halifax welfare.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
The following are available for persons who qualify: Extra allowances for medically required special diets; cost of telephone (if for medically certified need); bus or taxi cost for medical emergencies; excess shelter costs if non-payment would result in placement in a home for special care; special clothing costs; cost coverage for health-related services (e.g., optical, dental, nursing).

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Provincial sales tax

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Sales tax exemptions are available for the following: artificial limbs; orthopaedic appliances and equipment solely for use by persons with disabilities or "chronic invalids"; hearing aids; medications; dentures and dental appliances; prescribed optical appliances. 100 per cent sales tax rebates are available for the purchase of passenger vehicles, light trucks or vans for persons without the use of their lower limbs and for wheelchair users.

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
Nova Scotia

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	15	66	42	1	124
Disturbed Children	13	5	0	0	18
Intellectual Disability	28	12	5	0	45
Physical Disability	1	0	0	0	1
Psychiatric Disability	5	11	4	0	20
Count	62	94	51	1	208

Newfoundland

Department of Health

Gander and District Continuing Care Program

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Services:
Nursing care; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; social services; private homemaker services; speech therapy.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Medical supplies; medications; equipment rental if Red Cross is unable to assist (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, special beds, commodes).

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Department of Health

St. John's Home Care (Chronic Care)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Services:
Nursing care; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; social services; private homemaker services; speech therapy.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Medical supplies; medications equipment rental if Red Cross is unable to assist (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, special beds, commodes).

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (7)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons in need of treatment.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financial aid for health-related transportation (includes transportation outside of Newfoundland if treatment is not available in-province); cost of escort to medical treatment for children and elderly persons.

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (8)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities who have special needs concerning safety and rehabilitation.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Additional supplements for shelter, utilities, attendant care and for other safety or rehabilitation requirements.

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (1)

Eligible Group(s):
Single persons with a disability

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
$125/month towards persona supports for independent living or other special needs for safety, well-being or rehabilitation

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (6)

Eligible Group(s):
Families of children with disabilities.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Special allowance of up to $424/month.

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (3)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Extra assistance for rent; technical aids and equipment (e.g., wheelchairs); electrical devices; prosthetic appliances; homemaker and attendant services.

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (4)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons certified blind.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Additional $89/month.

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Department of Social Services

Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (5)

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with special dietary requirements.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Financial aid for the cost of a medically required special diet; up to $45/month for a diabetic diet; financial assistance for the cost of a professionally approved special diet.

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Department of Social Services (?? now Health ??

Developmental and Rehabilitative Services

Eligible Group(s):
Persons with disabilities

Services:
Direct home services (e.g., early intervention); community behavioral services; residential services; developmental maximization unit; service coordination; rehabilitation programs.

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
Special child welfare allowance; funds for respite; hearing aids.

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Departments of Health and Social Services

Community Development Program

Eligible Group(s):
Senior citizens and persons with disabilities who qualify for the Social Assistance Program on the basis for needs, assets and income.

Services:
Housekeeping; handyman services; home repair needed to keep people in their own homes.

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Departments of Health and Social Services

Home Support Program

Eligible Group(s):
Senior citizens who qualify for Guaranteed Income Supplements (full or partial, on the basis of income).

Services:
Nursing care; physiotherapy; occupational therapy; homemaker assistance; handyman help.

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Enriched Need Program (provincial welfare) (2)

Eligible Group(s):
Where both spouses have disabilities

Financial Aid and Other Deliverables:
$250/month towards personal supports for independent living or other special needs for safety, well-being or rehabilitation.

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Provincial sales tax

Sales tax exemptions for: artificial limbs; orthopaedic appliances and equipment (e.g., dialysis equipment; colostomy bags; hearing aids and batteries for hearing aids; dentures; insulin and syringes (for diabetics); telephone devices for persons with speech or hearing impairments; medications; dental or optical appliances; x-ray pictures and plates purchased on prescription.

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Select Residential Care Facilities: Summary by Characteristic
Newfoundland

	Average Size				
Service/Principle Characteristic	4-10 Beds	11-50 Beds	51-300 Beds	>300 Beds	Count
Aged	11	52	18	1	82
Disturbed Children	3	0	0	0	3
Intellectual Disability	14	3	0	0	17
Physical Disability	1	0	0	0	1
Psychiatric Disability	8	14	1	0	23
Count	37	69	19	1	126

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